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H-03 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01

SPC-03 SS-20 USIA-15 ACDA-19 IO-14 CAB-09 COME-00

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FM AMCONSUL CASABLANCA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2451

INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY PARIS PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY RABAT PRIORITY

AMCONSUL TANGIER PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L CASABLANCA 771

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, ELAB, ETRN, MO

SUBJECT: CARGO HANDLERS STAGE TWO HOUR STRIKE AGAINST
PANAM FLIGHT

1. CARGO HANDLERS AT NOUASSEUR AIRPORT STAGED TWO HOUR
WILDCAT STRIKE THIS MORNING AGAINST PANAM FLIGHT #158
TURNAROUND FROM LISBON. DELAY IN UNLOADING ALL BAGGAGE
INCLUDED CLASSIFIED POUCHES FOR CASABLANCA AND RABAT.
WE UNDERSTAND PLANE UNLOADED AT 1140 LOCAL TIME.

2. LABOFF CALLED UMT DEPSEC GEN ABDERRAZAK WHO SURPRISED
TO LEARN OF ACTION AT AIRPORT. HE SAID HE HAD MET WITH
CARGO HANDLERS PREVIOUS EVENING AND NOTHING OF SORT DISCUSSED.
HE SAID HE SUSPECTED ACTION TAKEN IN CONJUNCTION BOYCOTT
CALLED BY ARAB TRANSPORT UNION AGAINST US AIRLINES. PANAM
OFFICIAL ALSO SAYS STRIKE BECAUSE OF US MIDDLE EAST POLICY.

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3. IN MOST UNUSUAL MOVE, ABDERRAZAK TOOK OPPORTUNITY BERATE

LABOFF FOR USG POLICY IN MIDDLE EAST AND TO "REGISTER PROTEST"
AGAINST US SUPPORT ISREAL. ABDERRAZAK'S IRE MAY HAVE BEEN
FOR BENEFIT GOM'S TAPE RECORDERS, BUT IT IS STILL DISCON-
CERTING.

4. WE HAVE AS YET NO INDICATION WHETHER THIS ONE-TIME ACTION
OR LIKELY BE REPEATED. WE HAVE NO INDICATIONS ANY OTHER
LABOR ACTIVITY TO BE DIRECTED AGAINST US INTERESTS, BUT SHORT
WILDCAT STRIKES AND SLOWDOWNS COULD SPREAD.

5. FOR DEPARTMENT AND BEIRUT: PLEASE CABLE DETAILS PROPOSED
BOYCOTT US AIRLINES.
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